

## Forward Plan

### FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2022

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Alnwick and Hexham Shopfront Design Guides</b>                      Northumberland County Council is committed to retaining the special character of its conservation areas. In market towns such as Alnwick and Hexham, shops and commercial premises are a key element of the conservation areas and have a considerable impact on their overall appearance. Achieving a high standard of design in relation to shops and other businesses is important in underpinning commercial success.</p> <p>· The Alnwick Shopfront Design Guide, 2021 replaces the 'Design Guide for Shop Fronts' which was adopted by Alnwick District Council in 1995. It has been produced in partnership with Alnwick Civic Society.· The Hexham Shopfront Design Guide, 2018 is an update of the 'Interim Design Package for Shopfronts and Their Advertisements', which was adopted by Tynedale Council in January 1990 and produced in association with the Hexham Civic Society. The updated Shopfront Design Guides are in line with national and local planning policies and contain guidance to assist developers, retailers, design professionals and building owners to prepare designs for shopfronts and other commercial premises which respond well to local character. They provide the Council with a set of criteria against which to assess the quality of proposed works when determining applications for planning permission and listed building</p>	N/A	13 September 2022

<p>consent. (C. Horncastle/S, Rushton 01670 622650)</p>		
<p><b>Bamburgh Conservation Area Character Appraisal</b> Section 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty on local authorities to “formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are conservation areas”, but, more than that, a conservation area appraisal is a tool to help people understand what is important about a place and manage change within it. Bamburgh Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA) provides an evidence base for managing change. By adopting a conservation area appraisal, planning authorities are better placed to give due and proportionate weight to the special interest of conservation areas. This will, in turn, result in better informed and balanced decisions in relation to the historic environment. An appraisal can also be used to support potential strategic plans and policies for the area, and to promote its conservation and regeneration. (C. Horncastle/S, Rushton 01670 622650)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>13 September 2022</p>
<p><b>Energising Blyth: Culture and Placemaking Programme</b> This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval and key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the Energising Blyth Culture and Placemaking Programme (CPP). The CPP is a package of culture and placemaking measures in Blyth. This aims to catalyse Blyth’s cultural revival, supporting the benefits of the wider investments in the town.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>13 September 2022</p>

<p>This project is part of the Energising Blyth Regeneration Programme including projects supported by the Future High Streets Fund and Blyth Town Deal. (W. Ploszaj/Lara Baker - 07919 217457)</p>		
<p><b>Energising Blyth: Energy Central Campus Phase 1: Learning Hub</b> This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval and key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the Energy Central Campus Phase 1: Learning Hub. The Energy Central Campus (ECC) is a transformational, business-led skills, education and innovation development supporting growth in the low carbon energy sector in Blyth and the wider Northeast. This project is part of the Energising Blyth Regeneration Programme including projects supported by the Future High Streets Fund and Blyth Town Deal. (W. Ploszaj/Lara Baker - 07919 217457)</p>	N/A	13 September 2022
<p><b>Energising Blyth: OREC Technology and Innovation Centre</b> This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the OREC Catapult new Centre. This is a business-led skills, education and innovation development adding to the cluster of facilities at OREC's site at the Port of Blyth and supporting Research and Development and growth in the low carbon energy sector in Blyth and the wider Northeast. It will be a key national asset driving forward the Government's Zero Carbon agenda and will generate. This project is part of the Energising Blyth Regeneration</p>	N/A	13 September 2022

<p>Programme including projects supported by the Future High Streets Fund and Blyth Town Deal. It is also being funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority, Innovate UK and OREC (W. Ploszaj/Lara Baker 07919 217457)</p>		
<p><b>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of June 2022</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 30 June 2022. (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)</p>	N/A	13 September 2022
<p><b>Food &amp; Feed, Safety &amp; Standards Service Plan 2022/23</b> The purpose of this report is to present to Cabinet, for its consideration and endorsement, the Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan for 2022/23. (C. Horncastle/Peter Simpson 07920 806260)</p>	Communities and Place OSC 31 August 2022	13 September 2022
<p><b>Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan</b> To seek approval to formally 'make' the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in March 2022. A local referendum will be held in the Parish of Haydon on 30 June 2022 and it is expected that there will be a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council will then be obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations, and that action should be completed within 8 weeks of the date of the referendum. (C. Horncastle/S. Brannigan 07966 335 508)</p>	N/A	13 September 2022
<p><b>Proposals for the Coquet Partnership</b></p>	FACS OSC	13 September 2022

<p>This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders arising from consultation on a proposal to reorganise the Coquet Partnership of schools to a 2-tier (primary/secondary) system of education, with accompanying relevant recommendations in the light of this proposal.</p> <p>Cabinet may also be recommended to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal in relation to this proposal, which if approved would require Cabinet to make a final decision on the proposal at a later date. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston – 01670 6222810)</p>	<p>8 September 2022</p>	
<p><b>Proposals for the allocation of the Public Health ring-fenced grant reserve</b></p> <p>This report describes the process undertaken to agree proposals for additional investment in public health interventions from the ring-fenced public health grant; and to make recommendations.</p> <p>There is a requirement when using any funds from underspend to comply with the conditions of the use of the annual public health grant, which means that the funds must be spent on public health functions.</p> <p>This report describes a prioritisation exercise undertaken for allocation of part of the public health reserve that has accumulated from underspend. Criteria were developed and weighted to score bids that were sought from within the public health team and from other teams across the council. Criteria with the highest weighting were: 'Aim to reduce inequalities' (20%); and 'local need', 'evidence of impact/ effectiveness', and 'prevention' (each 15%). A higher</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing OSC 6 September 2022</p>	<p>13 September 2022</p>

<p>score was given if the goal was primary prevention (preventing illness or maintaining health), in line with public health principles. (W. Pattison/J. Brown, 07796 312409/ L. Morgan, 07920 360093)</p>		
<p><b>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of June 2022</b> The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2022-23 (R. Wearmouth/M. Calvert - 01670 620197) (Confidential report)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 12 September 2022</p>	<p>13 September 2022</p>
<p><b>Council Tax Support Scheme for 2023/24</b> Since 1 April 2013 the Council is required to have its own council tax support scheme to provide assistance to council taxpayers on low incomes. The scheme needs to be approved annually and assistance is by way or a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due. The Council Tax Support Scheme needs County Council approval. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes – 01670 624351)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 10 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022 Council 2 November 2022</p>
<p><b>Family Hubs Development</b> Northumberland has been selected as one of the 75 local authorities who can receive additional funding to develop the Family Hub offer. The overall amount potentially available for Northumberland between Autumn 2022 and March 2025 is indicated to be between £3.321m and £3.446m. Work has been ongoing to develop the Family Hub model in</p>	<p>FACS OSC 8 September 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>

<p>Northumberland for some time, building on the already established Early Help Locality Model across the county. (G. Renner Thompson/M. Connor - 01670 620349)</p>		
<p><b>“Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund” submission</b> To seek Cabinet approval for a submission to the Department of Health and Social Care to comply with the grant conditions of the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund 2022 to 2023. (W. Pattison/N. Bradley - 01670 622868)</p>	N/A	11 October 2022
<p><b>Northumberland Destination Management Plan</b> Destination Management is a process of leading, influencing and coordinating the management of all the aspects of a destination that contribute to a visitor’s experience, taking account of the needs of visitors, local residents, businesses and the environment. A Destination Management Plan (DMP) is a shared statement of intent to manage a destination over a stated period of time, articulating the roles of the different stakeholders and identifying clear actions that they will take and the apportionment of resources. This report requests that the County Council endorse the Vision, Partnership Principles, Strategic Aims, and Priorities of the 10 year DMP for Northumberland. (J. Watson/Nigel Walsh 07789654472)</p>	C&P OSC 5 October 2022	11 October 2022
<p><b>Outcomes of Consultation on Berwick Partnership Organisation</b> This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders arising from Phase 1 of informal consultation with</p>	FACS OSC 6 October 2022	11 October 2022

<p>stakeholders in the Berwick Partnership area and other relevant parties on whether any models of organisation that may be brought forward with specific proposals for schools (Phase 2) should consist of only 3-tier models of organisation or include 3-tier and 2-tier (primary/secondary) models of organisation.</p> <p>Cabinet is also asked to permit the initiation of the Phase 2 informal consultation with stakeholders in the area served by Berwick Partnership and other relevant stakeholders on proposals for individual schools in the partnership. The outcomes of Phase 2 consultation would be brought back to Cabinet at a later date.</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 6222810)</p>		
<p><b>Revised Joint Charter with Town, Parish and Community Councils</b></p> <p>This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval for the publication of the revised joint Charter between the Council and the Town, Parish and Community Councils (TPCCs) in Northumberland.</p> <p>This revised Charter includes minor amendments to the 2019 edition and has been prepared following consultation with Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC). It defines joint principles to enable the Council and TPCCs to work effectively together to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Northumberland.</p> <p>(G. Sanderson/Iain Hedley -07747 473687)</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 26 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>
<p><b>Supported Accommodation and Lodgings for Care Leavers and Young Homeless</b></p> <p>The report seeks permission from Cabinet to go to the market</p>	<p>FACS OSC 6 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>

<p>to commission a range of services to provide supported accommodation and lodgings for Northumberland care leavers and young homeless which will assist the Council in meeting its statutory duties.</p> <p>The Council has a responsibility to provide support and accommodation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Looked After young people and Care leavers under the Children Act 1989;</li><li>● Young people presenting as homeless and needing accommodation in line with the Statutory guidance - Provision of accommodation for 16- and 17-year-olds who may be homeless and/or require accommodation</li><li>● Separated children (formally known as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children);</li><li>● Young people who require support after the age of 18 in line with the Staying Put agenda.</li><li>● Other young people aged 16 and above who are beyond school leaving age who may require provision under this service as and when they meet varying Local Authority thresholds.</li></ul> <p>The intention is to create a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) which will allow the Council to contract with a range of pre-qualified suppliers, supporting access to a range of placements across the County for eligible young people. Unlike a framework arrangement, a DPS allows suppliers to join at pre-agreed points of time, encouraging competition and making it easier for local suppliers to access the arrangement. This will support the Council in meeting its duties during a time of change; Ofsted regulation for this</p>		
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<p>sector is due to introduced in late 2023 and is expected to cause some disruption within the marketplace as providers determine whether they are willing and able to meet the new guidelines. A DPS will create a more flexible solution providing the Council with improved access to suppliers in order to meet need. (G. Renner Thompson/M. Connor 07833 437064)</p>		
<p><b>Working together with VCSE – Non recurrent variation to VCSE Infrastructure Contract</b> This purpose of this report is to seek approval to expand the current Northumberland Communities Together (NCT) and Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Infrastructure contract to include additional funding obtained from NHS Northumberland CCG, now the Integrated Care Board, to support the Thriving Together work between Northumberland Communities Together and the VCSE (W. Pattison/M. Taylor - 01670 622430)</p>		11 October 2022
<p><b>Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27</b> This report provides an update on the development of the 2023-24 Budget and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the period 2023 to 2027. This report also details budget proposals for 2023-24 to meet the budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2023-24 in December 2022. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 7 November 2022</p>	8 November 2022
<p><b>Leisure Service Review</b> This report presents the findings and recommendations from the leisure service review.</p>		8 November 2022

(J. Watson/ M. Taylor - 01670 622430) <b>(Confidential report)</b>		
<b>Market Position Statement</b> The report will ask Cabinet to approve the publication of the updated Adult Social Care Market Position Statement. (W. Pattison/A. Curry 07557948621)	H&W OSC 1 November 2022	8 November 2022
<b>Council Tax Base 2023/24</b> The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base must be set between the 1st of December and 31st January. The tax base is a measure of the Council's taxable capacity which is used for the setting of its council tax. Legislation sets out the formula for calculation. Cabinet have delegated authority to approve the tax base. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes – 01670 624351)	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 12 December 2022	13 December 2022
<b>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of September 2022</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 30 September 2022. (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)	N/A	13 December 2022
<b>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of September 2022</b> The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2022-23 (R. Wearmouth/M. Calvert - 01670 620197) (Confidential report)	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 12 December 2022	13 December 2022

<p><b>Recommissioning of an Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service for Adults in Northumberland</b></p> <p>To seek permission from Cabinet to commission an Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service for Adults in Northumberland. This Service will be commissioned using the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant. The grant conditions state that Local Authorities must improve the take up of, and outcomes from, its drug and alcohol misuse treatment services, based on an assessment of local need. The contract will be greater than £2m, therefore there is the need to ask Cabinet to delegate the expenditure to the Director of Public Health. (W. Pattison/John Liddell M: 07929 775559)</p>	<p>H&amp;W OSC 6 December 2022</p>	<p>10 January 2023</p>
<p><b>Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27</b></p> <p>The report presents the updated Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27 to Cabinet following the receipt of the provisional local government settlement which is due to be announced during December 2022. The report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 February 2022</p>	<p>14 February 2022 Council 22 February 2022</p>
<p><b>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022</b></p> <p>The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 December 2022.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>

(R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)		
<b>Financial Performance 2022-23 – Position at the end of March 2023 (Provisional Outturn)</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 March 2023 (provisional outturn) (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)	N/A	9 May 203